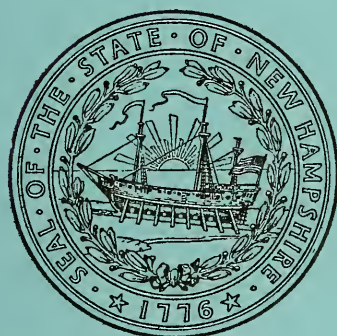


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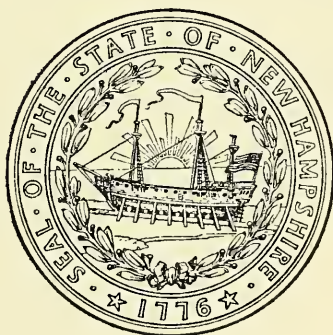


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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

LAUIE A. NETTLETON

Town Clerk

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Selectmen

CARROLL D. MATTEHWS PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE

Highway Surveyor

PERLEY MATTHEWS

Treasurer

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Tax Collector

CONSTANCE MATTHEWS

Land Agents

SELECTMEN

Librarian

JOAN MATTHEWS

Police

ROLAND MATTHEWS

Health Officers

SELECTMEN

Auditors

ROLAND MATTHEWS PERLEY WOODWARD

Trustee of Trust Funds

ZELMA WATTS

Library Trustees

HELENE A. MATTHEWS LAUIE A. NETTLETON

ZELMA WATTS

Janitor

ROLAND MATTHEWS

Constable

ROLAND MATTHEWS

Fire Warden

ERNEST E. MATTHEWS

Deputy Wardens

CARROLL G. MATTHEWS

FLOYD COLBY

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same in accordance with the budget herewith attached.

3. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount for prompt payment of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see if the Town will vote to continue plowing driveways with the present fee of \$7.00.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.

7. To see if the Town will vote to use \$1000.00 of the Total Highway Appropriation for the sealing of the section of the North Groton Road, starting at Bickford Hill and continuing as far as the money will allow.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of \$500.00 for furnishing and maintaining the Selectmen's Office.

9. To choose Delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

10. To vote on the question "Shall sweepstake tickets be sold in this city or town?"

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this third day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE
Selectmen of Groton

A True copy of Warrant — Attest:

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS
PAUL ADAMS
HARVEY ST. LAWRENCE
Selectmen of Groton

NOTE: Polls will be open from 3.00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.
The Town Meeting will open immediately after
the School District Meeting which will begin
at 6:00 P. M.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 292,275.00
House Trailers, Travel Trailers, Mobile Homes, 5	3,100.00
Factory Buildings Including Land & Machinery	600.00
Electric Plants	206,750.00
Boats and Launches, 2	200.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 7	700.00
Cows, 21	2,075.00
Other Neat Stock, 1	75.00
Sheep and Goats, 2	10.00
Fowls, 11,000	3,300.00

Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	\$ 509,085.00
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Less: Veterans' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	7,600.00
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Net Valuation on Which tax Rate is Computed	\$ 501,485.00
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Electric and Gas Utility Companies

New Hampshire Electric	\$ 4,870.00
New England Power	201,630.00
White Mountain Power	250.00
Total	\$ 206,750.00

Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$ 7,600.00
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1964, to December 31, 1964. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year, January 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1963	Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1963	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1964
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$44.00	\$62.50	\$60.00
Savings Bank Tax		23.96	10.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	20.00	(62)26.95	35.95
For Fighting Forest Fires		50.74	
Reimbursement a/c T.R.A.		5.46	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	50.00	61.80	50.00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	100.00	71.79	75.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equipment	100.00	182.00	150.00
Duncan Fund	871.02	871.02	971.01
Bounties			12.00
Refund from School Tax			246.59
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550.00	606.71	550.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	100.00	70.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	300.00	554.01	400.00
Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$2,135.02	\$2,586.94	\$2,660.55
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes	\$22,065.34		

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Appro- priations Previous Year	Actual Expendi- tures Pre- vious Yr.	Estimated Expendi- tures En- suing Yr.	Over- draft
Cur. Maint. Expenses	1963	1963	1964	
General Government:				
Town officers' salaries	\$1,200.00	\$1,102.89	\$1,200.00	\$97.11
Town officers' expenses	700.00	556.70	700.00	133.30
Election & registration exp.	200.00	111.72	350.00	88.28
Expenses, town buildings	650.00	534.28	600.00	115.72
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Fire Department	150.00	202.40	150.00	(52.40)
Insurance	300.00	237.71	300.00	62.29
Damages & legal expenses	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Health: Health Dept.	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	3.75	5.00	1.25
Town dump	200.00	24.40	200.00	175.60
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maint.—summer plus Duncan fund	3,471.02	3,457.30	3,971.01	13.72
Town Maint.—winter	1,500.00	2,662.23	1,500.00	(1,162.23)
Gen. exp., highway dept.	1,000.00	973.55	1,000.00	26.45
Town Road Aid	244.54	244.54	243.33	
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Pub. Welfare: Town poor	50.00	18.99	50.00	31.01
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00	2,019.04	1,600.00	(219.04)
Pub. Service: Cemeteries	100.00	70.00	100.00	30.00
Adv., regional assoc.	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Interest:	50.00	87.50	50.00	(37.50)
Highways and Bridges:				
New equipment	4,500.00	3,531.95		968.45
County Taxes	1,200.00	1,034.77	1,200.00	165.23
School Taxes + Newfound Area District 127.40	7,101.81	7,918.00	8,642.00	(816.19)
Total Expenditures	\$24,797.37	\$25,101.72	\$22,236.34	(\$303.95)

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	650.00
Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	150.00
Insurance	300.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Hospitals	25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	200.00
Town Maintenance (Summer \$2,600.00) (Winter \$1,500.00)	4,100.00
Duncan Fund	871.02
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	244.54
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,800.00
Town Poor	50.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	50.00
New Equipment	4,500.00
Interest	50.00
Total Town Appropriations	<hr/> \$ 16,446.01

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits: .

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 62.50
Savings Bank Tax	23.96
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	20.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	200.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00
Dog Licenses	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	100.00
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 — No. 55	110.00
Cash Surplus *	800.00
Duncan Fund	871.02
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 2,887.48

Net Town Appropriations	13,558.53
Net School Appropriations	7,101.81
County Tax Assessment	1,034.77

Total of Town, School and County	\$ 21,695.11
Add: Overlay	370.23
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 22,065.34

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 22,065.34
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	110.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$ 22,175.34

Tax Rate \$4.40

$$\$501,485.00 \times \$4.40 = \$22,065.34$$

* Cash Surplus - Difference between cash balance and current liabilities excluding long term debt as of December 31.

TOWN OF GROTON

BALANCE

— ASSETS —

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,644.34
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Accounts Due to the Town:**Due from State:**

Reimbursement State and Federal Forest Land	35.95
Bounties	12.00

Other Bills Due Town:

Groton School District	246.59
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Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1962	26.55
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1963	2,151.85
Levy of 1962	4.80
State Head Taxes — Levy of 1963	105.00
State Head Taxes — Previous Years	15.00

Total Assets	\$ 5,242.08
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Grand Total	\$ 5,242.08
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Surplus, December 31, 1962	4,634.94
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Surplus, December 31, 1963	4,856.61
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Increase of Surplus	\$ 221.67
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SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1963

— LIABILITIES —

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Constance Matthews, Collector, over payment taxes	\$ 5.00
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Due to State:

State Head Taxes — 1963, Uncollected	105.00
Yield Tax, Uncollected	148.07
Due to School Districts: Newfound Area District	127.40

Total Liabilities	\$ 385.47
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Excess of assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	4,856.61
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Grand Total	\$ 5,242.08
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,100.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Town Dump	200.00
Selectmen's Office	800.00
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	\$ 17,700.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Received from Auto Permits:

Auto Permit Fees Collected		\$606.71
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Received from Dog Licenses:

Dog Tax Collected	\$64.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	5.20	
	<hr/>	58.80
Dog Tax Penalties		3.00
		<hr/>
Paid to the Treasurer		\$668.51

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Summary of Warrant
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1963

—— Debits ——

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$21,968.50	
Poll Taxes	108.00	
Total Warrant	—————	22,076.50
Yield Taxes		579.28

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$30.80	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
	—————	34.80
Interest Collected		1.67
Total Debits	—————	\$22,692.25

—— Credits ——

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$19,396.44	
Poll Taxes	70.00	
Yield Taxes	554.01	
Interest Collected	1.67	
	—————	\$20,022.12
Discount Allowed		430.88

Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$ 79.20	
Poll Taxes	6.00	
Yield Taxes	2.20	
	—————	87.40

Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	\$2,097.18
Poll	36.00

Yield Taxes	23.07	
	<hr/>	
Less Check Returned	4.40	
	<hr/>	\$2,151.85
Total Credits		<hr/> \$ 22,692.25

Levy of 1962

— Debits —

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1963:

Property Taxes	\$2,271.71	
Added Poll Tax	2.00	
Poll Taxes	50.00	
Yield Taxes	322.52	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,646.23

Interest Collected During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1963	\$97.72	
Interest on Redemp.	.80	
Total Debits	<hr/>	\$2,744.75

— Credits —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1963:

Property Taxes	\$2,221.46	
Poll Taxes	44.00	
Yield Taxes	322.52	
Int. Collected During Yr.	97.72	
Property Tax — 1962		
Redempt. Income	16.50	
Interest	.80	
	<hr/>	\$2,703.00
Apatements During Yr.	28.05	
Property Taxes	9.90	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$41.95

Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	.80	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
		<hr/>
Total Credits		\$2,749.75
Overpayment of \$5.00 Property Tax Due from the Town		-5.00
		<hr/>
		\$2,744.75

Summary of Warrant**State Head Tax****Levy of 1963****— Debits —****State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Original Warrant	\$335.00	
Added Taxes	10.00	
Total Commitment	<hr/>	\$345.00
Penalties Collected		4.50
Total Debits	<hr/>	\$349.50

— Credits —**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Head Taxes	\$225.00	
Penalties	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$229.50
Abatements		15.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—As Per Collector's List		105.00
	<hr/>	
Total Credits		\$349.50

Summary of Warrant

State Head Tax

Levy of 1962

— Debits —

Uncollected Taxes—As of		
January 1, 1963	\$155.00	
Added Taxes During 1963	5.00	
Penalties Collected During 1963	14.50	
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Total Debits		\$174.50

— Credits —

Remittances to Treasurer During 1963:

Head Taxes	\$145.00	
Penalties	14.50	
	<hr/>	\$159.50
Uncollected Head Taxes—		
As per Collector's List	15.00	
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Total Credits		\$174.50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1963

— Debits —

Tax Sale on Account

Levies of:

	1962	1961
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$847.20	
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes— January 1, 1963		\$46.40
Interest Collected After Sale	10.38	2.00
Redemption Costs	.25	.75
Total Debits	<u>\$857.83</u>	<u>\$49.15</u>

— Credits —

Remittances to Treas. During Yr.	\$831.28	\$21.40
		27.75
Unredeemed Taxes—At Close of Yr.	26.55	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 857.83</u>	<u>\$ 49.15</u>

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales

On Account of Levies Of:

	1962
Lin Carpenter	\$14.15
Ralph Dow	12.40
	<u>\$26.55</u>

REPORT OF TREASURER

Receipts :

Constance Matthews, Collector :

1963 Property Tax	\$ 19,396.44
1963 Polls	70.00
1963 Yield Tax	554.01
1963 Head Tax	225.00
Penalties	4.00
1963 Interest	1.67
1962 Property Tax	1,425.31
1962 Polls	44.00
1962 Yield Tax	322.52
1962 Head Tax	145.00
Penalties	14.50
1962 Interest	57.92
1961 Property Tax	15.00
1961 Polls	4.00
1961 Yield Tax	68.19
1961 Head Tax	10.00
Penalties	1.00
1961 Interest	15.60
1960 Head Tax	5.00
Penalty	.50
Taxes Redeemed	901.73
Taxes Bought by the Town	796.15
Interest	39.80

State of New Hampshire:

Reimbursement a/c Forest Lands (1962)	26.95
Reimbursement a/c TRA	5.46
Duncan Fund	871.02
Interest and Dividends Tax (1963)	62.50
Savings Bank Tax (1962)	11.28
Savings Bank Tax (1963)	12.68
State Share Forest Fire Service	50.74

Rent of Equipment:

Plowing Drives	182.00
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Pemigewasset National Bank:

Temporary Loans	9,000.00
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Town Clerk:

Auto Permit Fees	606.71
Dog Tax	58.80
Dog Tax Penalties	3.00

Total Receipts	\$ 35,008.48
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1963	3,037.77

Grand Total	\$ 38,046.25
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Payments:

Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 35,397.23
Bank Service Charge	.28
Return Check, 1963 Tax	4.40
	<hr/> \$ 35,401.91

Balance	\$ 2,644.34
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Respectfully Submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS, Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:**

(Collected and Remitted to Treas.)	\$ 19,396.44
Poll Taxes, Current year, 1963	70.00
Yield Taxes, 1963	554.01
State Head Taxes @ \$5, 1963	225.00
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	————— \$ 20,245.45
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Prev. yrs.	2,667.97
Poll Taxes, Prev, Yrs.	48.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5, Prev. Yrs.	160.00
Interest on Taxes	74.19
Penalties on State Head Taxes	20.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	901.73

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	
Reimbursement T. R. A.	\$ 5.46
Duncan Fund	871.02
Interest and Dividends Tax, 1963	62.50
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association tax, 1962 - 63	23.96
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands, 1962	26.95
Fighting Forest Fires, Reimbursement	50.74

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	61.80	
Rent of Town Property	182.00	
Motor Vehicle Permits, 1963	606.71	
	<hr/>	1,891.14
Total Current Receipts		<hr/> \$ 26,008.48

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes During Year	9,000.00	
Total Receipts from all Sources	<hr/> \$ 35,008.48	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1963	3,037.77	
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 38,046.25	

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,102.89
Town Officers' Expenses	566.70
Election and Registration Expenses	111.72
Expenses Town Hall and Other	
Town Buildings	534.28

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	50.00
Fire Department	202.40
Insurance	237.71
Bounties	12.00

Health:

Vital Statistics	3.75
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	24.40

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	244.54
Town Maintenance (Summer \$3,321.20)	
(Winter \$2,419.28)	5,740.48)
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	973.55

Libraries:	200.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	2,019.04
Town Poor	18.99

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	70.00
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Unclassified:

Advertising and Region Assoc.	50.00
Taxes Bought by Town	835.95
Employees' Retirement and Soc. Sec.	379.05

Total Current Maintenance	
Expenses	————— \$ 13,377.46

Interest:

Paid on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of taxes	87.50
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New Equipment (Truck \$3,000.00) (Snow Plow \$531.95)	3,531.95
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Indebtedness:

Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	9,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes Paid State Treas.	
1963 Taxes	\$ 162.00
Prior Years	149.50
	<hr/> \$ 311.50

Payment to State a/c Yield Tax	
Debt Retirement	139.50
Taxes Paid to County	1,034.77
Boat Tax	1.23

Payments to School Districts	
1962 Tax	\$ 697.00
1963 Tax	7,221.00
	<hr/> \$ 7,918.00

Total Payments to other Governmental Divisions	<hr/> \$ 9,405.00
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Total Payments for all Purpose	\$ 35,401.91
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1963	2,644.34
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Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 38,046.25
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Carroll D. Matthews, Selectman	\$ 400.00
Paul Adams, Selectman	150.00
Harvey St. Lawrence, Selectman	150.00
Ileene Matthews, Clerk and Treasurer	200.00
Constance Matthews, Tax Collector	150.00
Roland Matthews, Auditor	25.27
Flora Matthews, Auditor	25.62
	<hr/> \$ 1,102.89

Town Officers' Expenses

Branham Pub. Co., Auto Ref. Book	\$ 7.55
Enterprise Press, 25 Check Lists	32.15
Clay's News Stand, 5 rolls adding machine tape	1.50
Harvey St. Lawrence, Selectmen's Expenses	4.34
Enterprise Press, 200 Town Reports and 115 Ballots	270.60
Wheeler & Clark, Dog Tags	4.84
Charles Wood, Transfers	6.75
John C. Ray, Town Officers' Bonds	50.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
N. H. Clerk's Association, Dues	3.00
Enterprise Press, Selectmen's Notices	3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., Tax Book and Dog Book	10.75
Sargent Brothers, Tax Collector's Supplies	14.00
Constance Matthews, Tax Collector's Supplies	19.70
Sargent Brothers, Envelopes, Tax Collector	4.00
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Ref. Book	7.60

Ileene Matthews, Clerk, Expenses	68.42
Month of May Bank Service Charges	.28
Return Check a/c 1963 Property Tax	4.40
Carroll D. Matthews, Selectmen's Expenses	50.82
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	\$ 566.70

Election and Registration

Lillian Colby, Supervisor	\$ 25.27
Ernest Matthews, Supervisor	25.27
Yvonne Stevens, Supervisor	22.61
Constance Matthews, Ballot Clerk	6.65
Beatrice Smith, Ballot Clerk	7.98
Ellen Matthews, Ballot Clerk	7.98
Annie Esty, Ballot Clerk	6.65
Laurie Nettleton, Moderator	9.31
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	\$ 111.72

Town Hall and Other Expenses

Bristol Fuel Co., 2 tanks of gas, Town Hall	\$24.00
Harvey St. Lawrence, Janitor	7.98
Vernon Matthews, Labor on Selectmen's Office	143.57
Harold Hamblett, Labor on Selectmen's Office	60.20
Prescott Lumber Co., Material for Selectmen's Office	287.63
Rand's Hardware, Supplies for Office	10.90
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	\$ 534.28

Insurance

John C. Ray	\$ 237.71
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Police Department

Roland Matthews	\$ 50.00
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Health

Vital Statistics, Ileene Matthews	\$ 3.75
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Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire (Town Share)	\$ 2,019.04
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Town Poor

Surplus Foods	\$ 18.99
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Dump

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 6.40
Ernest Matthews, Labor	6.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	12.00
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	\$ 24.40

Duncan Fund

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 166.40
Perley Matthews, Truck	114.00
Perley Matthews, Tractor	42.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	129.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	174.00
Carroll G. Matthews, Gravel	43.70
Edward Butterfield, Labor	78.00
Vernon Matthews, Labor	24.00
Floyd Colby, Labor	15.00
Perley Matthews, Sand	15.70
Norton Braley, Gas	50.73
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	\$ 852.53

Sealing River Road

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 19.20
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	48.00
Edward Butterfield	12.00
N. H. Bituminous Co. (3000 gal. M.C. No. 3)	403.80
Chester W. Hinkson, 2 Trucks for Sanding	132.25
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	\$ 615.25

Summer Road

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 527.83
Perley Matthews, Tractor	96.00
Perley Matthews, Cement	15.20
Perley Matthews, Supplies at Rands	10.15
Ernest Matthews, Labor	346.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Labor	31.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	323.00
Lawrence Bowles, Labor	34.50
Frank Matthews, Labor	6.00
Frank Matthews, Chain Saw	1.00
Calvin Colby, Labor	16.50
Edward Butterfield, Labor	265.50
Milton Woodward, Labor	6.00
Raymond Davis, Trips to Plymouth	10.00
Cold Patch	233.90
Norton Braley, Gas	65.94
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	\$ 1,989.52

Snow Removal

Perley Matthews, Labor	\$ 921.60
Ernest Matthews, Sr., Labor	814.50
Ernest Matthews, Jr., Labor	189.00
Edward Butterfield, Labor	13.50
Calvin Colby, Labor	18.00
Frank Matthews, Labor	18.00
Perley Matthews, Gas	13.94
Norton Braley, Gas	339.19
Charles Matthews, Jeep	8.00
Perley Matthews, Trips	15.50
Carroll G. Matthews, Tractor	87.00
Lewis Albert, Tractor	2.00
Raymond Davis, Tractor ,	72.00
Ernest Carter, Plowing ,	60.00
Willie Woodward, 140 yds. Sand	14.00

Worthmore Stores, Salt	52.00
Raymond Davis, Plowing	24.00
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	\$ 2,662.23

General Expense of the Highway Department

Bartlett Auto, Truck Repairs	\$ 597.40
N. H. Explosive, Clutch Pump Repair	23.48
Berg & Iland Inc., Material for Road Agent	34.73
Perley Matthews, Hardware	4.97
Perley Matthews, Labor on Tractor House	31.50
Prescott Lumber Co., Roofing Material	17.73
Merrimack Farmer's Exch., 2 tons cal. Chloride	84.78
N. H. Highway Dept., Pump Bought in 1958	137.43
Rand's Hardware, 2 Street Brooms	5.38
A. E. Esty Machine & Tool Inc., Machine	
Work on Snow Plow	6.00
Short's Garage, Wrecker Service	30.15
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	\$ 973.55

New Equipment

H. L. Webster & Son, 1963 - 1700 I.N.T.	
Truck	\$ 3,000.00
H. L. Webster & Son, Changing Bodies	56.90
Arnold Barnard, Labor, Parts, Mounting	
Snow Plow	400.05
N. H. Fish and Game Depart., Snow Plow	
and Wing	75.00
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	\$ 3,531.95

Cemeteries

Harvey St. Lawrence, Mowing Cemeteries	\$ 70.00
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Advertising and Regional Association

Myla K. Doran, Treasurer	\$ 50.00
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Temporary Loans

Pemigewasset National Banks, 3 month's Note and Interest	\$ 5,037.50
Pemigewasset National Bank, 6 month's Note and Interest	4,050.00
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	\$ 9,087.50

State and County

State Treas., Bond, Debt, Retirement Tax	\$ 139.50
State Treas., Head Taxes	311.50
L. M. Colby, Treasurer, County Tax	1,034.77
State Treas., Boat Tax	1.23
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	\$ 1,487.00

School District

Groton School District, part 1962 -63 Appro.	\$ 697.00
Groton School District, part 1963 - 64 Appro.	7,221.00
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	\$ 7,918.00

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON ON DEC. 31, 1963

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	New Funds Created	Amt. of Principal	Bal. of Income Begin of Year	Income During Year	Balance End of Year
Unknown	Cyrus Blood Fund	Care of lot in Rolfe Hill Cem.	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank		\$50.00	\$44.17	\$3.80	\$47.97
Unknown	George Hall Fund	Care of Hall lot in Union Cem.	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank		100.00	66.91	6.72	73.63
7/22/63	N. Groton Cem. Fund	Care of Cem.	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank	Rec'd, Lizzie Kinne est. \$231.98			6.87	238.85

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ZELMA G. WATTS, Trustee

January 9, 1964

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ROLAND MATTHEWS,
PERLEY WOODWARD,
Auditors

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Books owned January 1963	2331
Books added by State of N. H.	1
Books added by Library	5
Books added by Gifts	0
Books Borrowed from Bookmobile:	
Adult Fiction	84
Adult Non-Fiction	8
Juvenile	6
	<hr/> 98
Services:	
Volumes of Adult Fiction Loaned	96
Volumes of Non-Fiction Loaned	16
Volumes of Juvenile Loaned	17
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Total Circulation	129
Regular Borrowers	8
New Borrowers	3
Cash Statement:	
On Hand January 1963	\$ 0.79
Received from Fines	None
Postage	None
Balance on Hand January 1964	\$ 0.79

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Payments Jan. 1, 1963 to Dec. 31, 1963

Joan Matthews, Salary	\$ 75.00
Joan Matthews, Cleaning Library	10.00
Vernon Matthews, Janitor	13.33
Vernon Matthews, 1 Cord Wood	18.00
Equity Publishing Co., Book	3.95
Readers Digest, Books and Subscription Renewal	13.93
Farm Bureau Insurance	21.63
N. H. Electric Corp., Inc., Electricity	24.00
Check Book	2.00
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Total Payments	\$ 181.84
Balance	99.65
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	\$ 281.49

Receipts Jan. 1, 1963 to Dec. 31, 1963

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 81.49
Selectmen, Appropriation	200.00
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Total	\$ 281.49

Respectfully submitted,

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS

Library Treasurer

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINE

"1962-- 1963"

ALEXANDRIA - HEBRON

May 26, 1963 Representatives from Hebron, Groton and Alexandria met in Groton near the Bill Smith Cottage and proceeded up Hardy Road to Hardy Corner.

Hardy Corner: One flat stone and iron stake marked H.A.G. 1850 57, 71, 78, 85, 92, 1906, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48, & 55 being the southeast corner of Groton and bounds between said towns.

Line Stone: Thence south 31 degrees west approximately 220 rods to flat stone marked 1955 A & H being a corner of a Draper Lot.

Mike Akerman Corner: Thence same course 80 rods to above named corner being stake and stones marked A & H 06, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48, 55.

Note: Mowglis Trail crossed on above run.

Healey Corner: Thence south 55 degrees east about 300 rods crossing three brooks and the Welton Falls trail to a stake and stones marked 1857 - 78 - 85 - 06, 55 a little west of a steep ledge marked 1850, 06, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48 TL.

Gove Corner: Thence south 40 degrees west about 28 rods to an upright stone about 4 feet high marked 1857, 06, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48 & 55 about 8 feet west of a steep edge marked 1857 - 71.

Note: On top of above mentioned ledge there is a pile of stones being a line marker. This marker is visible from the true corner at base of ledge.

By agreement the undersigned met and perambulated the above line May 26, 1963 renewing town spots on trees and painting them white, adding date "62" on monuments and stones.

Witnesses:

Representatives of Groton (for Hardy Corner)

DENIS MATTHEWS, Selectman

ALAN DENIS MATTHEWS

JAY MATTHEWS

Representatives of Hebron

M. PARKER SMITH, Selectman

RICHARD BRALEY

MANSON CHISHOLM

Representatives of Alexandria

ALBERT W. BEAN

HOWARD W. BASSETT

FLETCHER DeWOLF

Selectmen of Alexandria

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

During the past year New Hampshire faced the greatest forest fire threat to its woodlands in more than sixty years. The continued drought brought home to our citizens, as never before, the potential threat of destructive fires to their beautiful and valuable forests, homes and livelihood. In true American traditions of meeting a common threat by volunteer effort, this fire danger was minimized by active prevention, patrol and a relinquishing of personal rights for the common good. It was the greatest demonstration of public cooperation ever experienced by those responsible for local and state fire control. The ready forces of volunteer fire services kept the losses low. For their effort and public response the general fire service expresses its heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Prevention however, is not just an activity for the bad fire years. It must be practiced until it becomes a part of our public conscience — a habit. Just plain carelessness with fire causes too many of our fires.

The following practices and suggestions will help:

1. Always have a permit for outdoor burning and burn within the terms of the permit and in a safe place. Burn late in the afternoon when the wind is down or on rainy or damp days. Check your fire and if winds develop extinguish it promptly.
2. Carry your rubbish to the public dump—it's safer. A neglected backyard incinerator causes many fires.
3. Never discard lighted cigarette or match. Make this a

year round habit regardless of the safety of your surroundings.

4. Children caused fires are now a major concern. Keep matches away from them and teach them to respect fire and not make it a subject of play.

Let's all join with "Smokey the Bear" and "Keep New Hampshire Green" and growing in 1964.

Number of fires and burned area in 1963

	Fires	Area-Acres
State	873	2117
District	93	100.79
Town	0	

GERALD GROSS,
District Chief.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GROTON

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Carroll D. Matthews	Moderator
Ileene A. Matthews	Treasurer
Ileene A. Matthews	Clerk
Zelma G. Watts	Auditor

School Board

Mary Hobart	Term expires 1964
Beatrice Smith	Term expires 1965
Verna Matthews	Term expires 1966

Teacher

Mrs. Rosamund Orr

Superintendent of Schools

Edward H. Currier

School Nurse

Evelyn M. Newhall, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1964 - 65

Open Wed. Sept. 9 Close Wed. Dec. 23

Open Mon. Jan. 4 Close Fri. Feb. 19

Open Mon. Mar. 1 Close Fri. April 23

Open Mon. May 3 Close Fri. June 18

Days out: NHEA Convention, Oct. 23; Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, 27; Memorial Day, May 31.

Pupils must be in school for 180 days, and this schedule allows for 182 days.

There are two extra days to allow for bad storms or emergencies. Present plans are for schools to close when they have been in session for 180 days.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by September 30, and may enter if six by January 1.

Vaccination is required by State law unless the child has a written excuse from a doctor.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Groton qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said District on the 10th day of March 1964, at six o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to serve until July 1, 1964.
2. To choose a Clerk to serve until July 1, 1964.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board to serve until July 1, 1964.
4. To choose an Auditor to audit the school district accounts as of June 30, 1964.
5. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700); and to make the same available during the current fiscal year.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Groton this 6th day of February 1964

BEATRICE SMITH,
VERNA MATTHEWS,
MARY HOBART,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

BEATRICE SMITH,
VERNA MATTHEWS,
MARY HOBART,

School Board.

COMPARATIVE BUDGET

Item	Expenditure	Proposed Budget	
		1962-63	1963-64
100 Administration			
110 Salaries of District Officers	140.00	140.00	
135 Contracted Services	13.00	9.00	
190 Other Expenses	148.51	95.00	
200 Instruction			
210 Salaries	3,700.00	4,000.00	
215 Textbooks	80.38	50.00	
220 Library & Audiovisual Material	59.26		
230 Teaching Supplies	90.10	50.00	
235 Contr. Services for Instruction	83.50	75.00	
290 Other Expenses	25.89	55.00	
500 Transportation			
576 Expenses in lieu of transportation	30.00		
600 Operation of Plant			
610 Salaries	180.00	180.00	
630 Supplies	69.47	40.00	
635 Contracted Services	34.00		
640 Heat	243.81	250.00	
645 Utilities	60.07	60.00	
700 Maintenance of Plant			
725 Replacement of Equipment	26.47	50.00	
735 Contracted Services	22.70	50.00	
766 Repairs to Buildings		50.00	
800 Fixed Charges			
850.2 Teacher's Retirement	187.22	203.00	
850.3 FICA (Social Security)	77.68	87.00	
855 Insurance	10.00	144.00	
1000 Student Body Activities			
1075 General Support	8.91		
1200 Capital Outlay			
1267 Equipment		75.00	
1400 Tuition			
1477.1 Tuition	2,158.89	1,888.00	
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expense	287.10	329.00	
1477.4 Tax for State Wide Supervision	26.00	28.00	
Contingency Fund	300.00	300.00	
Totals	\$8,062.96	\$8,208.00	

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963

Cash on Hand July 1, 1962	\$ 18.75
Received from Selectmen, current appropriation	\$ 6,915.88
Received from Tuition	1,125.00
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$ 8,040.88
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$ 8,059.63
Less School Board Orders Paid	<hr/> 7,762.96
Balance on Hand June 30, 1963 July 11, 1963	\$ 296.67

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

District Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 and find them correct in all respects.

ZELMA G. WATTS,

Auditor.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

100 Administration			
110.1	Salaries of District Officers		140.00
	Annie Esty, School Board	50.00	
	Beatrice Smith, School Board	30.00	
	Flora Matthews, School Board	30.00	
	Ileene Matthews, Treasurer	30.00	
135	Contracted Services for Administration		13.00
	Zelma G. Watts, Auditor	8.00	
	Annie Esty, Census	5.00	
190.1	Other Expenses for Administration		148.51
200 Instruction			4,039.13
210.3	Salaries of Teachers		
	Rosamund S. Orr, Teacher	3,700.00	
215	Textbooks	80.38	
220	Library & Audiovisual Material	59.26	
230	Teaching Supplies	90.10	
235	Contracted Services for Instruction	83.50	
290	Other Expenses for Instruction	25.89	
500 Transportation			
576	Expenses in lieu of transportation		30.00
	Yvonne Stevens	30.00	
600 Operation of Plant			587.35
610	Salaries	180.00	
630	Supplies	69.47	
635	Contracted Services	34.00	
640	Heat	243.81	
645	Utilities	60.07	
700 Maintenance of Plant			49.17
725	Replacement of Equipment		
	Robinson & Co., Extinguisher	26.47	
735	Contracted Services		
	Greenwood Plumbing Co.	16.05	
	Vernon Matthews	3.99	
	Calvin Colby	2.66	
800 Fixed Charges			274.90
850.2	Teacher's Retirement	187.22	
850.3	FICA (Social Security)	77.68	
855	Insurance		
	John C. Ray, School Treasurer's Bond	10.00	
1000 Student Body Activities			8.91
1075	General Support	8.91	
1400 Tuition			2,158.89
1477.1	Bristol School District	1,743.89	
	Plymouth School District	415.00	
1477.3	Supervisory Union Expense		287.10
1477.4	Tax for State Wide Supervision		26.00
Total Expenditures			<u>\$7,762.96</u>

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

Mary Hobart,
Verna Matthews,
Beatrice Smith, School Board

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The fulfillment of the Newfound Area School District on July 1, 1964 will abolish the Groton School District, as such. Some voters will regret this move as the ending of another of New Hampshire's traditional concepts of education, the local school district. This is not strictly true, as Groton is simply becoming a part of a larger local district, whose voters are vitally concerned in providing good education for their children.

It is difficult to request a deficiency appropriation at this time, but the unpredictable addition of a few pupils to the district, with additional costs of tuition and transportation, cannot be absorbed by a small district's regular budget.

I want to commend Mrs. Orr for her dedicated service during the past years. I wish also to thank the members of the School Board with whom I have worked. Their devotion to the welfare of the children has been sincere and, I am sure, will continue to be expressed in the endeavors of the larger cooperative district.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. CURRIER.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

1962 - 63					
Grades	5	6	7	8	Total
	6	2	3	5	16
1963 - 64					
Dec.	5	5	3	3	16

District Totals

1962 - 63	Av Attend.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Attend.
	14.4	1.0	15.4	93.7
1963 - 64				
(Dec.)	15.4	.61	16.0	96.

Tuition Pupils

Bristol High School - Rate \$472.00

Grade 9: Donald Colby
 Grade 10: Gayle Stevens
 Grade 11: Linda LaPete, Milton Woodward
 Grade 12: Sandra St. Lawrence

Mascoma Valley Regional - Rate \$266.00

Grade 1: Robert Conkey
 Grade 3: Albert Conkey

Groton Pupils Attending Hebron School

Grade 2: Louise Albert, Beryl Colby, Kathy Matthews
 Grade 3: Shirley Smith
 Grade 4: Alan Matthews

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. FOUR BUDGET 1962 - 63

<i>District</i>	<i>Nurse</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Conv.</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Supt.</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alexandria	141.25	53.30	188.42	5.33	29.31	202.54	63.96	684.11
Bridgewater	227.63	85.90	303.66	8.59	47.25	326.42	103.08	1,102.53
Bristol	1,027.94	387.90	1,371.23	38.79	213.34	1,474.02	465.48	4,978.70
Canaan	735.90	277.70	981.67	27.77	152.74	1,055.26	333.24	3,564.28
Danbury	174.64	65.90	232.95	6.59	36.25	250.42	79.08	845.83
Grafton	107.85	40.70	143.87	4.07	22.39	154.66	48.84	522.38
Groton	55.65	21.00	74.23	2.10	11.55	79.80	25.20	269.53
Hebron	160.33	60.50	213.87	6.05	33.27	229.90	72.60	776.52
Orange	18.81	7.10	25.10	.71	3.90	26.98	8.52	91.12
<i>Totals</i>	2,650.00	1,000.00	3,535.00	100.00	550.00	3,800.00	1,200.00	12,835.00
State's Share						4,500.00		
								8,300.00

VITAL STATISTICS**—— Marriages ——**

In Bristol, N.H., April 27, 1963, by Rev. Nelson Perreault, Fred Richard Firth, III, of Belmont, N.H., and Betty Linda St. Lawrence, of Groton, N.H.

—— Births ——

In Plymouth, N.H., June 6, 1963, to Everett R. Hobart and Mary W. Hobart, a daughter, April Faye.

In Plymouth, N.H., July 22, 1963, to Ernest E. Matthews, Jr., and Maxine L. Matthews, a daughter, Shelley Lynn.

—— Deaths ——

In Plymouth, N.H., Feb. 3, 1963, Flora Matthews, aged 65 years.

In Laconia, N.H., April 9, 1963, Lizzie May Kinne, aged 89 years.

In Plymouth, N.H., Dec. 3, 1963, Edith Newton, aged 82 years.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ILEENE A. MATTHEWS,

Town Clerk

